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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO /SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5089
AMEMBASSY TOKYO NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 6237

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 6237 VICE 62347)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PINS, SY, JA
SUBJ: JAL HIJACKING

1. SYRIAN AUTHORITIES RELEASED HOSTAGES AT APPROXIMATELY
1400 LOCAL AFTER THEY HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY MILITARY INTELLI-
GENCY OFFICIALS. THEY WERE TAKEN TO MERIDIEN HOTEL
WHERE THEY ARE NOW REGISTERED IN ROOMS 804 AND 805.
CHARGE AND EMBASSY NURSE PAID CALLS ON BOTH HOSTAGES.

2. MCLEAN IS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE. JAL IS ARRANGING HIS
ONWARD TRAVEL TO TOKYO TO MEET HIS WIFE.

3. WEISS IS MORE SHAKEN AND EMBASSY NURSE HAS GIVEN
HIM MILD TRANQUILIZER. HE HAS TALKED
WITH FIANCEE IN U.S. HE HAS REQUESTED WE CABLE FATHER
FOR FUNDS (SEPTTEL). ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM,
BUT APPARENTLY HE WISHES TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO U.S.

4. BOTH HOSTAGES HAVE CONSENTED TO HAVING THEIR NAMES
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RELEASED TO PRESS AND WE ARE DOING SO WHEN ASKED. UNLESS
DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, EMBASSY ALSO INTENDS TO EXPRESS
APPRECIATION TO SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND JAPANESE EMBASSY
IN DAMASCUS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK AND COOPERATION
IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF THESE HOSTAGES.
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